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Dear Purnell:

Thank you for your very warm note. It is a unique and wonderful institution, but only because of the presence and role of people like yourself. In fact, your own laboratory's work in virology is prototypic of what must certainly be the central axis of The University: combining the most profound scientific inquiry with a choice of experimental targets likely to be the most practically fruitful for human benefit. I really am counting on your support and insight for the future direction of The University along just these lines. We know many reasons for gloom, but I do think that we are in a unique position to exercise our social responsibilities and elicit the corresponding social support for balanced programs in health research.

That point, that we had some brief discussion about, concerning the obsolete images that Fredrickson and others have about The University realistically deserves a high place in our agenda. I hope that we might be able to get together before too long to try to work out some concrete plans for dealing with that kind of distortion that may be so harmful.

Yours,

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